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TO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA PRIORITY  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG  
SUBJECT: PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENTS  
REFERENCE: A) GUATEMALA 5707; B) BELIZE 637 (NOTAL);  
C) CARACAS 10307 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT COMMENDS EMBASSY FOR COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON  
PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENTS IN GUATEMALA AND PROGNOSIS OF GOG  
FUTURE ACTIONS (REF A) AND CONGEN FOR ALERT REPORTING  
(REF B).

2. IT IS CLEAR THAT PETROLEUM SHORTAGES WILL BE FELT  
UNEVENLY THROUGHOUT CENTRAL AMERICA. THOSE COUNTRIES  
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SUPPLIED BY TEXACO APPEAR TO BE HARDEST HIT BECAUSE

COMPANY IS NOT RECEIVING ARAB CRUDE WHICH IT REFINED FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN CONSUMING COUNTRIES. CUTBACK AT TEXACO'S TRINIDAD AND PANAMA REFINERIES IS ESTIMATED BY COMPANY AT 20 AND 15 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY. THE OTHER OIL COMPANIES OPERATING IN CENTRAL AMERICA APPEAR TO BE SUPPLYING CA CUSTOMERS PRIMARILY FROM WESTERN HEMISPHERIC SOURCES WITH LITTLE OR NO ARAB INPUT. UNDOUBTEDLY, ALL CA COUNTRIES ARE AWARE THAT SHORTFALLS AGAINST TOTAL DEMAND WILL AFFECT SOME MORE THAN OTHERS, DEPENDING ON WHO THEIR SUPPLIERS ARE AND EXTENT TO WHICH THOSE SUPPLIERS ARE AFFECTED BY ARAB EMBARGO. DIFFERING IMPACT ON CA COUNTRIES COULD LEAD TO THE SUSPICION THAT U.S. OIL COMPANIES ARE DISCRIMINATING AGAINST SOME CUSTOMERS, FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ASSURED BY TEXACO THAT THIS IS NOT THE CASE AND THAT ALL CONSUMING COUNTRIES WILL BE TREATED EQUALLY.

3. WE BELIEVE IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL CONCERNED THAT SUPPLY AND PRICE PROBLEMS BE RESOLVED DIRECTLY BETWEEN SUPPLIERS AND CONSUMERS. BUT WE MUST BE ALERT TO POTENTIAL PROBLEMS BEFORE THEY REACH THE CRISIS STAGE. WE URGE ALL EMBASSIES TO CONTINUE TO REPORT FULLY ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR COUNTRIES AND TO URGE U.S. OIL COMPANIES AND HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS TO WORK TOGETHER IN A COOPERATIVE MANNER DURING WHAT PROMISES TO BE DIFFICULT WEEKS AND MONTHS AHEAD. KISSINGER

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